

The City We Want and Need:
A Mid-Atlantic Convening on Habitat III

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CONNECTIONS
2045

Greater Philadelphia

**FUTURE
FORCES**



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POLITICAL

SOCIAL

TECHNOLOGICAL

ECONOMIC

ENVIRONMENTAL



LIVABLE COMMUNITIES



GROWTH MANAGEMENT



ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS



TRANSPORTATION

Coronation of a pope



Benedict

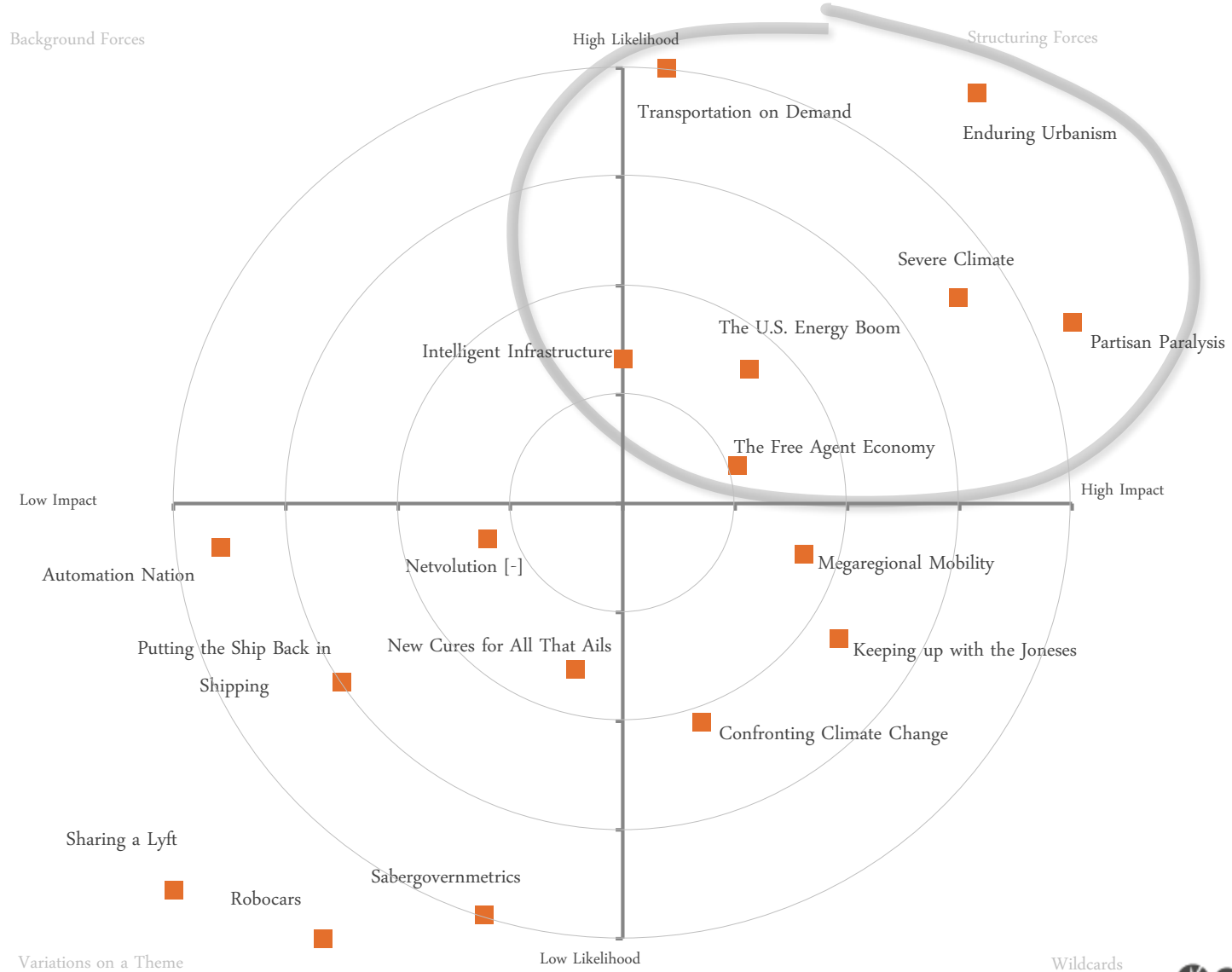


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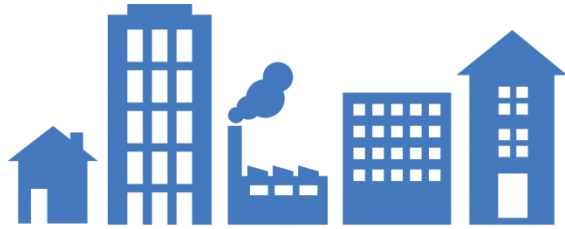
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Impact-likelihood voting results



Future forces



ENDURING URBANISM



FOR HIRE

THE FREE AGENT ECONOMY



SEVERE CLIMATE



**TRANSPORTATION
ON DEMAND**



THE U.S. ENERGY BOOM

“It’s tough to make predictions,
especially about the future.”

Yogi Berra, Baseball player and 20th Century Philosopher



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Moving back to
walkable centers is the start
of a long-term trend.



Photo: Benjamin's Desk



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THE FREE AGENT ECONOMY

Individuals must create
their own economic
opportunities.



Increasing atmospheric carbon levels lead to the worst-case outcomes of climate change.



Smartphones, apps, and
real-time information help
people get around.



An abundance of domestically produced energy keeps the cost of energy low.

“The only relevant discussions about the future are those where we succeed in shifting the question from whether something will happen to what would we do if it happened.”

*Arie de Geus, former coordinator, Group Planning,
Shell International Petroleum Company*